

1 years the State government like the Federal government  
2 is going to get more complex, there will be much activity  
3 at the legislative level, and while we have lost the battle  
4 in our attempt to leave the question of the length of the  
5 session flexible, and I accept that, and I am not trying  
6 to reopen it, I do suggest it might be wise to fix the  
7 time as no more than 70 days, provided that the General  
8 Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds of the members thereof,  
9 may extend such session, provided that such extension  
10 cannot last longer than 60 days. That would at least  
11 take care of the situation, and I am not saying Cooper-  
12 Hughes is the proper example, but the situation where  
13 the General Assembly really would need more time to deal  
14 with an important piece of legislation and not be able to  
15 do so in view of the restriction in the Constitution.  
16 In that situation, under the proposal that I now advance,  
17 they would at least have some flexibility. Maybe you  
18 only want to give them the opportunity to extend the ses-  
19 sion 30 days. I prefer 60, by a two-thirds vote. That  
20 would insure that the session would not be extended  
21 capriciously because the leadership or some members of the